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Hammond makes waves

Highlands' racer Wesley Hammond, far left, races in the C-stock hydroclass, which included top speeds on the front stretch of 120 kilometres per hour at the 6th annual RPM Outboard Power Boat Races on Saturday, Aug. 20 on Head Lake in Haliburton. Hundreds watched the high-speed event, which included past national champions. See more photos on page 17. /DARREN LUM Staff

HE receive short-term rental accommodation review

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

The community survey conducted on behalf of Haliburton County on short-term rental accommodation revealed that

55 per cent are generally supportive of homes and cottages being used as short-term rentals as long as education is provided, while 30 per cent are not in favour of short-term rentals. Just 15 per cent are supportive without any education being provided.

A delegation from J.L. Richards Engi-

neers, Architects and Planners, presented the long-awaited Short Term Rental Accommodation Review commissioned by Haliburton County to Highlands East's regular council meeting on Aug. 9.

Jason Ferrigan explained the project, the findings to date, and then provided an opportunity for council to ask questions.

Ferrigan began the presentation by noting that short-term rentals are complex in nature. They touch on various aspects of community and community health, including housing affordability and quality of life. They also impact economic

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Short-term rentals views as a complex issue

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opportunities.

In the first phase of the project the goal was to establish an understanding and direction. In the second phase, which they are in now, meetings and two community consultations have taken place. They will be meeting with Haliburton County council on Aug. 10 and then will move into the implementation phase.

The effort has included a scientific literature review, municipal best practice review (both online and speaking directly with other municipalities), a community survey and public and stakeholder consultation. As part of the review, a recommended framework for short-term rentals will be provided for Haliburton County.

The literature review went back to research done in 2017 through until 2022. It looked at everything from principles for short-term rental regulation in context of housing, guiding principles for short-term rental regulation, regulator approaches based on short-term rentals issues (easing pressure on tourism, banning full/partial short-term rentals in some areas, protection of affordable housing, not entire house rentals, limiting number of nights, preserving residential living, etc.) The review also investigated the prohibition of granting licenses if the vacancy rate falls below a minimum target.

Short-term rentals were reviewed in the legislative context at different levels of government. They all potentially have a role to play in building the framework for the county.

A chart was presented to council that showed comparison for short-term rental practices in nine different communities across Canada. It compared licensing, density, occupancy, parking requirements, landscaping, amenities, health and safety (inspections/fire code) and other restrictions. It appears there is some consistency in approach. The licensing aspect really jumped out as something most municipalities are using.

In a summary of overall findings, some key areas will be considered. They include residence type, tourism, duration of stay, number of guests, zoning for regulating use, application, licensing and renewal fees and taxes and means for enforcement such as fines or a demerit system.

The community survey generated 1,547 responses with



Highlands East council was presented with the Short Term Rental Accommodation Review report, part of the second phase of the project commissioned by Haliburton County. The subject of short-term rentals on private roads was one of the issues raised by council. /CHRIS DROST Staff

52 per cent coming from Dysart et al, 20 per cent from Algonquin Highlands, 17 per cent from Minden Hills, 10 per cent from Highlands East and one per cent from those who don't own in Haliburton County. The intent of the survey was to gather information about respondents' relationships with short-term rentals and to get an initial perspective on positive and/or negative impacts on the community.

When asked whether or not short-term rentals have a positive impact on the community, a little more than half said they do have a positive impact as they increase tourism in the county. Slightly under half said they believe it provides additional revenue for property owners. Approximately 500 of the total respondents believe short-term rentals benefit economic development opportunities and increases employment. A total of approximately 630 of the 1,547 respondents expressed the opinion that short-term rentals do not have a positive impact on the community.

Council had an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

"This was a very informative presentation. I have one concern with the concept of duration. Have you run into commercial versus casual applications? Commercial might be someone renting 30 times over a year, while casual might be someone renting to family or someone they work with once or twice a year," asked Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall.

Ferrigan responded by sharing a recent personal experience. He and his spouse stayed at a short-term rental recently, not in Haliburton County, where the council had a provision that a short-term rental could not rent beyond 90 days over the year. The individual had concerns that this would not meet with their business model. Ferrigan assured Ryall that they will be working with county council to differentiate between the two.

"We don't have a recommendation yet. We need further feedback from the county," Ferrigan said.

"This is a really important issue in our community. I get more calls about it than anything else. People are concerned about noise, water quality and septic use," stressed Councillor Suzanne Partridge. She added that she recognizes that some people need to rent out their seasonal residence in order to be able to afford it.

"Parking is important to me. We want to keep people safe and secure while they are here. Also septic systems," commented Mayor Dave Burton.

"I agree, we will be putting thought into that," responded Ferrigan.

Ryall also said a lot of short-term rentals are on private roads which do not necessarily have the same infrastructure as municipal roads. The challenge is how to make sure short-term rentals are on a road that can be accessed.

"There may be places it doesn't make sense to have a short-term rentals," Ryall said.

"Yes, this will be addressed in the recommendations. We are also looking at zoning. Are there places where short-term rentals would be allowed? This will be part of the recommendations," Ferrigan said.

Once the report and a discussion with county council is to take place on Aug. 10, the project will move into its third and final phase during which recommendations will be made.

Here are your candidates for Dysart, Highlands East councils

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The municipal political contests in Dysart and in Highlands East will usher in new personalities in their respective mayoral offices, regardless of the outcomes.

The mayors of three of four Haliburton County municipalities are foregoing another kick at the political can, and that in itself leads to interesting outcomes at the polls.

Little competition was generated for the top two chairs

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in Dysart et al council chamber. Dysart's new mayor and deputy mayor will be acclaimed Aug. 22 when the nominations are certified and made official.

The period for nominations across the province closed Aug. 19.

There are few incumbent candidates and there are a handful of one-horse races county-wide.

The electoral outcome will translate to a new-look county council after the final votes are cast Oct. 24. Advance voting will take place Oct. 14.

The Dysart council chamber will be filled by a majority of new faces as just one incumbent decided to vie for a seat.

The mayoral and deputy mayoral races have one candidate each in Murray Fearrey, who is well-known for his decades of service as the municipality's mayor previous to this past term served by Andrea Roberts, and Walt Mckechnie respectively. Fearrey returns to the political

fold after stepping away from politics the past four years.

Voters will choose between Rob McCaig, Pamela Brohm, Pat Casey, and Tom Bailey in Ward 1; Daniel Roberts, Jennifer Korpela, and Nancy Wood-Roberts in Ward 2; Ron Evans, Hayden Hughes, Brian Atkins, and Carm Sawyer in Ward 4. Incumbent Tammy Donaldson is the only choice in Ward 3, as is Barry Boice in the fifth ward.

In Highlands East, it looks like incumbent Mayor Dave Burton and Cheryl Ellis are campaigning for the top council spot.

Incumbent Cam McKenzie will be acclaimed in Ward 1. Janice Dahms and Angela Lewis are the choices in Ward 2. Incumbent Ruth Strong is the only candidate in Ward 4. And Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall rounds out the slate in Ward 3.

The deputy mayor is chosen by council after the election.



Rotary supports dance studio

The Rotary Club of Haliburton's president Ursula Devolin, far right, presented not-for-profit business, Skyline Dance Studio representative Sarah Garbutt, with a donation of \$5,000 on Wednesday, Aug. 17 in Haliburton. The dance studio continues to welcome support with its effort to start this autumn. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

County continues reviewing short-term rental issues

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council discussed the need to address the lack of long-term rentals during the options report of their short-term rental review.

When considering what is to be deemed as an appropriate short-term rental accommodation during the county special meeting of council on Aug. 10, councilors considered the lack of long-term rental places in the county, and in particular, long-term housing for college students.

"I'm thinking that a student coming for a week in the summer is likely to be more of an Airbnb type of application, where my concern is that for the longer-term students that are here for a full semester, that's a different circumstance where we want to make sure there's still something available for them," said Warden Liz Daniels.

Mayor of Dysart et al Andrea Roberts said in Dysart, many long-term rental units have become short-term rental units at the economic benefit of owners.

"One of the concerns at the Dysart table is the fact that some people have opted to rent what could be a year-round rental unit to a student coming to [Haliburton School of Art + Design] from September to April or to someone who is looking for a place. It's much more economical to rent that room out as an Airbnb or Vrbo, so I am in favour, of anything under the definition of short-term rental as anything less than 28 days, to be regulated, because in Dysart, we do know properties that have been taken away from the housing stock because it's more economical [for owners] to do that," Roberts said.

The County of Haliburton Short Term Rental Accommodation Review is currently in "Phase 2" of the project after meeting with various stakeholders and reviewing examples of municipalities who have already adopted regulation of short-term rentals.

"As county council knows, I'm fond of saying this is the phase where we wrap our arms and our minds around the issue and opportunities that we are dealing with," said Jason Ferrigan, senior planner with J.L. Richards and Associates.

Report planners with J.L. Richards and Associates Gur-simran Saini and Tori Ruck acquired perspectives of local stakeholders relevant to the project like Airbnb, Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation, Environment Haliburton, and all four municipal councils within the county.

They also held two focus groups.

The first was with Cottage Care Rentals, Kennisis Cottage Rentals, and All-season Cottage Rentals. The second was with Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Haliburton BIA, Haliburton Tourism Action Committee, Adventure Haliburton, and Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"Airbnb said licensing will help to build the database of short-term rental owners and operators. HKL Housing Corporation noted an increase in rental unit conversion to short-term rental units, which they're concerned about due to a lack of rental units in the county. Environment Haliburton expressed concerns about a seemingly lack of respect and protection of the natural environment," Ruck said. "The cottage rental focus group noted that renting with them ensures accountability and to know who to contact for complaints as opposed to short-term rental platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo. The economic development focus group promoted regulation of short-term rentals to allow them to continue in order to combat some of their negative elements that we've identified before."

Ruck also shared the main concerns that each municipality raised within the county when J.L. Richards and Associates met with each separately.

"Minden Hills council expressed concern with zoning giving lenience to commercial short-term rentals and creating a shortage of affordable rental properties which is also in line with what we heard from the housing corporation. Dysart council noted that all residential short-term rental units need to be covered under the policy not just cottage-type rentals. [Highlands East] noted that commercial and non-commercial short-term rentals should be distinguished from each other, be safe, and be located in appropriate locations."

Ruck and Saini had not yet met with the Township of Algonquin Highlands council at the time of the special

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— Mayor of Dysart et al Andrea Roberts

meeting.

Council was asked by Saini if they would like to consider requiring either owners or long-term tenants to occupy a whole-unit rental for some time before it could be rented as a short-term rental.

Moffatt said, "I'd love to consider it, but I'm not sure how appropriately applicable it is because the situation that needs addressing is occurring now, so you're not going to say no to people who have an entire economy or lifestyle based on a rental system."

Moffatt said the only way to require this of rental owners is to require it of new rentals, not those that have already been renting for some time, but this would be seen as unfair.

"I think there are some things we need to give up for the greater good. I don't see how that's going to work without offending those who have been doing it or who will have to do it starting out."

The rest of council agreed with Moffatt.

To view the full discussion involving short-term rentals at the special meeting of county council on Aug. 10, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYsU3r3JG40.

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Shoreline restoration projects: protecting our lakes and water quality

Through the spring and summer of 2022, a collaborative project between Abbey Gardens and the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA), Redstone Lake Cottagers' Association (RLCA) and Lipsy Lake Owners' Association (LLCOA), provided shoreline native plants and support for restoring shoreline properties on the lakes at the top of County Road 7.

Funded by the property owners, the KLCOA and a generous grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), this project completed 11 shoreline restorations and supported the development of a capability in Haliburton County to provide shoreline restoration support and services to property owners in the community. The restorations included the planting of approximately 1,250 native plants and shrubs in the waterfront shoreline area, which is known as the "ribbon of life." Eighty to 90 per cent of species in our region depend on shoreline habitat for nesting, shelter, travel, reproduction and feeding.

As shorelines along lakes and rivers are being developed, native plants are often removed, which places these areas at greater risk of erosion and the inability to absorb human introduced nutrients, leading to reduced water quality. Naturalizing shorelines by planting native flowers, trees and shrubs helps to maintain and improve water quality, which keeps our lakes swimmable, drinkable and fishable. Shoreline plants protect our shorelines from erosion, wave action and ice damage, moderate water temperature, flooding, and absorb nutrients from human activity.



Cara Steele of Abbey Gardens provides instruction to the Shoreline Restoration Workshop participants on Kennis Lake on July 9 as part of the Shoreline Restoration Project. /Submitted by Jim Prince

Feedback from the community and participants, indicated that the greatest barriers faced by shoreline property owners were a lack of knowledge regarding native plant species and the need for sup-



Dylan Peressini of Abbey Gardens shows a planting technique to Shoreline Restoration Workshop participants on Kennis Lake. /Submitted by Jim Prince

port during planning and planting so that the plants can survive and thrive.

Through this project, Abbey Gardens is continuing to develop the capability to support shoreline property owners to deliver shoreline restoration consulting and support. A community workshop was held on July 9 at one of the restoration sites where Abbey Gardens staff explained the importance of healthy natural shorelines and led the participants in hands-on planting demonstrations.

Cara Steele, ecological specialist at Abbey Gardens, led the workshop, and explained that the restoration may take some time to mature, as the native plants have deeper roots and develop along different timelines than non-native orna-

mental plants. Cara described what to expect as the native plants grow by telling participants that "first they sleep, then they creep, and then they leap."

Lake associations and other organizations in Haliburton County continue to focus on projects that will protect our water quality, which is closely linked to our enjoyment of the Highlands and to a strong economy in our region. Promoting healthy natural shorelines, proper septic system maintenance and water quality monitoring are a few of the areas that lake associations have been promoting through advocacy and projects.

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Help wanted: Data shows Haliburton County has a slim labour pool

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

This is the second in a series of stories the Haliburton Echo/Minden Times intends to run to address how a labour shortage is affecting our communities. This story looks at how the private businesses, and particularly restaurants and resorts, are dealing with a lack of available workers.

An ominous message appeared recently on the Facebook page of Minden-based business Godfathers Pizza.

"We regret to inform you that as of Friday, July 29th we will be closing our doors temporarily due to a staff shortage," the post read. "We are currently hiring for all positions in the hopes to be operating as usual in the near future."

A post on the Facebook page of The Mill Pond restaurant in Carnarvon pointed at the same problem.

"There's the shortage of workers," wrote owner Brad Archer in an Aug. 1 post. "How does this affect small business you say? Well without workers we can't provide the service that our customers want. This is why I haven't been open nights during the week."

In an interview later with The *Haliburton Echo/Minden Times*, Archer said he has a healthy customer base, but due to a lack of workers this summer he's been staying closed on Mondays and closing at 3 p.m. on Tuesday to Thursday. The shortage of workers, he says, means he can't operate during the lucrative dinner hours.

"In Haliburton County the pool of employees to choose from is only so big. Everywhere you go there's a help wanted sign. I think it's a sign of the times."

He's right. Statistics show Haliburton County has a slim pool of available workers, forcing business to close at unusual hours and sacrifice potential income despite their location in a bustling summer cottage community.

The specific factors driving this shortage aren't all entirely clear yet, but the issue needs to be treated with some urgency, many business leaders say. If not, independent small businesses – the kind that give Haliburton County its unique tourist-town charm – are at risk of closing and crippling the economy.

"It's beyond crisis," said Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Bob Gaudette, who works with small business owners and is seeing the help wanted signs seemingly everywhere. "And it's heading into catastrophic impacts."

The working demographic can't keep up with growth

A deep dive into statistics on Haliburton County's labour situation reveals some challenging trends, said Jennifer Lamantia, executive director of the Peterborough-based Workforce Development Board, which studies the labour pool in a region that also includes Northumberland, Kawartha Lakes and the Highlands.

She pointed out that recent census data showed that Haliburton Highlands has experienced a 13 per cent population growth between 2016 and 2021, a rate that's significantly higher than overall provincial population growth of 5.8 per cent.

But Haliburton has an older population. The percentage of Haliburton residents who are between ages 15 to 64 – the age of people who tend to be in the workforce – is only 55 per cent, compared to the provincial average of about 65 per cent.

That means there's a growing number of people in Haliburton County who need services, but businesses don't have a large employee pool compared to other regions. They then struggle to hire new people who can provide the additional services needed to capitalize on this growth.

Lamantia says a deeper dive into statistics shows even more troubling concerns.

She says the most dominant age group within the 15 to 64 age demographic are people on the upper side, aged 55 to 64. Province-wide data shows that 68 per cent of people in this age range are working, but Haliburton County's rate is 10 per cent lower, at 58 per cent, Lamantia says.

So it appears as though Haliburton County has a higher-than-normal rate of early retirees - or people not working for other personal reasons.

"People in that age category are making a conscious decision to not work, I'm guessing," she said. "For an employer in Haliburton, it's about how do they attract younger people to the region? But then again, if they can't, how do they attract that older segment to start working again?"

Gaudette is exploring the unknowns, so the Highlands can find its way out of the crisis. The chamber put out a survey to community members, to sense how the pandemic has altered its workforce. The survey targeted people who've made a conscious choice to leave the workforce; it asked what was holding them back from returning to the workforce and what industry they left.

But finding respondents in this hidden demographic, proved to be tough. Gaudette said the survey was sent out through a newsletter and other media channels, but it didn't yield enough respondents to give a definitive sense why workers aren't available to the extent they were before the pandemic.

"We thought there'd be an end point where we'd resume normal economics," he said. "But now it doesn't look like there's that same promise and it's a heavier burden for folks."

He suspects there are reasons why workers have not returned to work, after the rough pandemic years. Any information on that would be helpful as the community charts a new path.

"What supports and income are people living off that is enabling them to not be forced off into the labour market?" he asked. "Is it savings or investments? Did they sell property? Do they have social supports? Are they living off Mom and Dad? I don't know."

Gaudette meets regularly with other business leaders in the community, including Haliburton County's new economic development director Scott Ovell and Haliburton County Economic Development Corporation executive director Patti Tallman. They discuss issues impacting the community and the labour shortage almost always comes up.

"(Employees) can pick and choose because there are so many jobs out there," said Tallman, whose organization supports job creation and business growth.

She said the labour situation in the Highlands now is so tough on employers, that employees have a lot of power. "Some employers are to a point where they say, 'ok so, when can you work?' They're trying to fit people into their schedule so they can get some employees."

They can't work here if they can't live here

When the *Haliburton Echo/Minden Times* asked business leaders to propose solutions to the labour shortage, one answer came up constantly; housing.

"I hear of people not being able to buy a home because it's so expensive and no rentals are available for people to re-locate here," Tallman said. "There are people who'd prefer to move to a rural community and live cottage life, as opposed to living in a city, and there's no where to go."

But solutions are being discussed. Tallman said she knows of a construction company that has bought housing for its employees, so out-of-towners who are interested in working here have a place to stay as they complete a project.

Lamantia says her organization speaks to employees and, anecdotally, she's also hearing that a lack of available housing is an issue, as is transportation, as many people don't have the means to get to an employer, or get to a school where they can gain new skills as they look for employment.

Gaudette has heard these concerns, too, and hopes the community will address factors that may be preventing people from even starting to job hunt in Haliburton County.

"The barrier used to exist at the finish line," he said. "Now that barrier has moved to the beginning. We can't get people to the door. How do we get folks that live here already what they need, so they can engage in the workforce?"

Even some of Haliburton County's most well-known and established tourism businesses are facing challenges.

Andrea Hagarty has been with Minden's Bonnie View Inn for about 30 years and is still helping out, although she recently sold the resort to a new ownership group. She said the Inn has faced hiring challenges this year – and while other years have provided challenges – the Inn is going to greater lengths now to ensure the resort is well staffed.

This year, the Inn struggled to find an additional chef that would have allowed the resort to offer indoor dining. As a result, it's only offering dining on its patio.

"I searched for a team where we would offer free room and board and they could come live on site," she said. "We put it out everywhere. I advertised at colleges for chefs and so many places and we were unable to fill."

"It's not that we're not offering money – we're willing to be competitive, with the offer of free room and board,

but I just haven't found anyone to even offer it to."

She said, from her experience, the labour market is different now than in years past, because more people that approach the Inn want part-time work, as opposed to full-time. That puts more pressure on senior staff to train people, who may only be there for a few months. She also said it's a challenge to find full time workers for the more experienced, senior positions.

The owner of another big Haliburton County tourism institution, Sir Sam's Ski/Ride, says he's been able to fill positions, but he's also aware that there's a shortage of workers and he must make his offers competitive.

"We're ok, but it hasn't been easy," said Doug Wilkinson, the new owner, who has overseen a revitalization of the chalet and is re-branding the massive venue as Eagle View.

As summer nears an end, Wilkinson said he'll soon need to make a plan to ensure he's got about 120 employees for the winter ski season.

He'd like to see the community host more job fairs and more programs that can encourage students to enter the workforce. He also realizes, he has to think about how his business can be a good and enticing employer in a competitive market.

"We have to tell ourselves that it's not just pay, it's the type of work you're providing, the benefits you're providing," he said, explaining that the hill offers its employees a seasonal ski pass, hoping the offer will attract workers.

A new model for sharing employees

Haliburton business leaders say a new model for managing hospitality employees could soon be adopted in the industry here.

Through her work with HCDC, Tallman recently visited a Peterborough-area employer to see how it was benefitting from Community Futures Development Corporation support programs.

She learned the employer has put their employees into a pool of available workers that is shared by four similar businesses in the city. Those employees are then invited to work shifts at any of the five business, when needed.

It's an opportunity for the employees to gain more hours and perhaps the equivalent of a full-time job through a combination of different employers, each of which may not be able to provide more than part-time hours.

"If you have three bartenders and one is working a day shift, maybe they want to take an evening shift to do a wedding for someone else," Tallman said, explaining how it works.

Wilkinson and Hagarty say that model is already happening here, but not in any formalized way. They say some of their employees juggle multiple jobs between different employers. It seems to be a win-win, as the businesses need the workers and those workers want additional income.

Tallman believes her organization, along with others such as the Haliburton County and the Chamber of Commerce, could play a role in setting up an employee-sharing arrangement – perhaps a website – for a group of private employers, who would post what shifts they have available. This, she believes, could help small businesses fill positions, but it wouldn't solve every problem.

There would have to be a healthy number of available workers in the system and Gaudette pointed out it would raise some legal questions, such as whether the workers in the system would be considered an employee, bound to certain hours, or contractors.

But few, if any, are disputing that creative solutions are needed to address the issue. If not, Haliburton County's beautiful resorts, restaurants and stores will continue to face stress, resulting in economic hardships and the spiraling effects that come with that, such as burnout and mental health issues.

Gaudette says if the labour issue isn't addressed soon, Haliburton County's at risk of losing the small, independent businesses that give it its charm.

"Why go downtown in this community and buy local goods?" he asked, rhetorically. "Because it's about being in a beautiful downtown and interacting with people. There's value in that exchange. You can talk to someone with local knowledge. I feel that becomes unaffordable when you're all competing for the same 10 employees."

"We've been in crisis since the start of the pandemic, but it hasn't felt like there's been a crisis response to these issues."

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Exercise democratic freedom

THE WINDOW of opportunity to serve your municipality has passed with nominations closing for municipal elections on Friday, Aug. 19.

Although a few races never got started (as outlined with the article, *Here are your candidates for Dysart, Highlands East*, your vote still matters.

Apathy is a dangerous to democracy, which robs us of what this country is built upon. We may not be the United States, with how its globally accepted country where freedom is king (although that perception is changing by the reality exhibited in the news), but we're where we are for better or worse with how we vote. Yes, this system isn't perfect, but its imperfections pale in comparison to how inaction is problematic when you let others vote for you. Why relinquish your power to others when it's something you wouldn't do in another context? Would you let someone else decide what you ate, or what you watched on television for the next month, let alone for four years?

Anyone eligible to vote needs to exercise their right. Don't leave it to others, who may not have your interests in mind.

What we've seen in the last provincial election with the record lowest voter turnout is how it's possible to have less than the majority of the population have their needs addressed over others. Unfortunately, that result and why voters are not coming out is what is indicative of what's happening everywhere in the world.

Per a Pew Research article on their website (www.pewresearch.org), people around the world like democracy, but the commitment to it isn't very strong. The article said "this lack of commitment is driven in part by the frustration many feel about the functioning of democracy, may be one reason some would-be autocrats and political entrepreneurs have been able to bend the rules and norms of liberal democracy with relatively few conse-

quences."

Democracy is need of reworking, but until that happens we need to exercise the power we have. Vote.

Figuratively speaking, what's old is new again in Dysart et al.

After losing the mayoral race to Andrea Roberts in 2018, long-time past Mayor Murray Fearrey returns to lead Dysart like he had for decades while his friend and past council member (when they also served for two terms together) Walt McKechnie will join him at the top as deputy mayor.

Last second nominees Pat Casey and Tom Bailey in Dysart for Ward 1 heightens the competition, which includes Rob McCaig, and Pamela Brohm.

Highlands East past Mayor Dave Burton is being challenged by Cheryl Ellis while past councillors Cam McKenzie in Ward 1 and Ruth Strong in Ward 4 will resume the posts they held in the community for the past four years after there wasn't any challenge. See the "Here are our candidates ..." article for the full rundown of races.

Voting is the bare minimum.

However, it's important your vote count and

be made from a place with substance, so educate yourself about the candidates.

Learn about who you are voting for instead of going with who you know by name or after a memorable encounter. Candidates are not fast food franchises such as McDonalds or Harveys where the name tells you what you can expect to receive.

In the coming weeks, the *Echo* is working towards delivering information pertaining to the election, whether it's the process or the candidates vying for your vote or the acclaimed candidates.

Voting matters. It is significant. Your opinion. Your vote. You decide who will sit in the council chambers to represent what you want to see happen in your respective community.



darren lum

Editorial



Morning light rays

by Darren Lum

A tight spot

H HEARD the whoop and holler just before the splash. It was summertime in cottage country and 12 year-old Jim was spending the week at his cousins' place by the lake. The eastern sky was glowing fuchsia and the water was a placid mirror. Or at least it was until his great aunt jumped off the dock.

Great Auntie Edna liked to start her days with a brisk dip before breakfast. While some people her age might prefer a shawl over their shoulders and a soft pillow at their back, Edna was a woman of action. She regularly swam from the dock to the small island in their bay. She'd then haul herself out of the water and catch her breath for a few minutes before swimming back. When she ascended the ladder, water streaming back into the bay, she reminded Jim of a seal. Slick, smooth and black. The black was the old-fashioned bathing suit Edna wore. It was a bit lumpy with age, like Edna, a dusty black with wide straps and short skirt. Not at all like the suits his female cousins or mother wore.

But then nothing about Great Auntie Edna was like others. Unmarried and independent, she had travelled the world in her younger days, making life-long friends along the way. And they were like her. Unattached, or free as Auntie would say, they came to visit her every summer at her cabin. It was located beside Jim's cousins' place in the family compound. There were five cottages spread around the bay's western shoreline, with kids and dogs walking back and forth between them all.

Edna's was small, tidy and highly efficient. There was a cramped living room which was seldom used and a huge screened porch where Edna and her guests usually hung out. Sometimes Jim could hear the women laughing well into the night. When he was older, he realized it was probably the sherry colouring their conversations with humour.

In addition to the morning swims, Auntie Edna liked her afternoon dips. On more than one occasion Jim had seen the hat making its way parallel to the shore. The hat was perched atop Edna to keep the sun off her face. Like a tiny tug boat with flowers on its roof, the hat drifted gracefully by. But while Edna was ahead of her time in many ways, she still adhered to the belief a woman's face should be as white as other more intimate parts of her body. No tanning there. So while the rest of her might resemble a walnut shell, since the woman practically lived in her bathing suit, her face only showed a touch of colour on the nose and chin.

One summer Auntie Edna's good friend Miss Smithers came for a prolonged stay. Unlike Edna, Miss Smithers was afraid of swimming and would only dunk herself quickly before stepping back onto the beach. Thus, it was decided to acquire a metal wash-tub so Miss Smithers could have a good soak. But since this was a new endeavour, both women agreed there should be a dry run before the work of filling the tub one bucket at a time. Fully

clothed and with Edna's help, Miss Smithers climbed into the tub and slowly settled herself there. She was a generously proportioned woman and it was a somewhat snug fit. But she thought it would do the trick.

However, when it was time to climb out, she was stuck. The combination of awkward angles with older and less flexible body parts left Miss Smithers wedged against the tub's sides. They couldn't get her out.

Jim never forgot the sight of Great Auntie Edna running along the path to his cousins' cottage, calling out to Uncle Ben that Miss Smithers was stuck in the tub and could he please come to help. What stayed in Jim's memory was the look on Uncle Ben's face when he heard the cry for help. Edna, not thinking, failed to mention that Miss Smithers was still dressed.

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points of view

You say tomato, I say gubernatorial

THIS MIGHT not come as too big a shock to most of you, but English is actually a second language to me. I actually grew up speaking Maltese to my Maltese grandmother who took care of us while my parents both worked. I dabbled in English at the time, but only really started using it exclusively when I attended school. The late start had no effect on my first six years of kindergarten in case you were wondering.

Because of this experience, I think I can speak with some authority on how ridiculously complicated the English language is. For instance, take the word dimwit. Some people use it to refer to a person who is not very intelligent at all. Yet, others use it to describe me. This is just one example of the many words with dual meanings. Stupid, is apparently another.

This use of dual meanings is common in many languages, however.

English has bigger problems. Take the word gubernatorial.

Gubernatorial is a word that describes anything related to a state governor or the office of the state governor. And possibly mucous.

What is wrong with the word gubernatorial? I'll tell you what's wrong with it. It doesn't exist. There is no such word. Why? Who knows?

What bothers me is that there are new words being admitted to the English language every day

– the word “sapiosexual” immediately comes to mind. So why wouldn't we just add gubernatorial and phase out gubernatorial. And, while we are at it, phase out dimwit too, just in case I'm wrong.

But no, we couldn't possibly do that for some reason. Instead, we make sapiosexual, which defines a person characterized by a sexual or romantic attraction to highly intelligent people, an official word – and a good way to describe those who avoid me. Mark my words, no good will come of this, except in Scrabble.

Sapiosexual? Really?

Not to go on about it but, if you think about it, the word sapiosexual is an existential threat, *visa à vi*, the hypotenuse by way of the circumference of a spherical orb, specifically where it intersects with the square root of Pi in a Boolean Voidset in a parallel dimension. Or as Emmanuel Cant so elegantly summarized, “Odd indeed, my dear Melvin. It as if the fish live a coddled existence among the stars, with arthropods masquerading as their better angels.”

Full disclosure: What you just read was a classic pick-up line at a sapiosexual bar.

Getting back to the gubernatorial word. This is the thing that bothers me about the English language. No one describes would ever describe themselves as an art luber – unless they just came out of dental surgery.

I know this is not much in the big scheme of things. But it is bothersome to a guy who makes his living with words. Once we invented the word marmalade, couldn't we leave well enough alone?

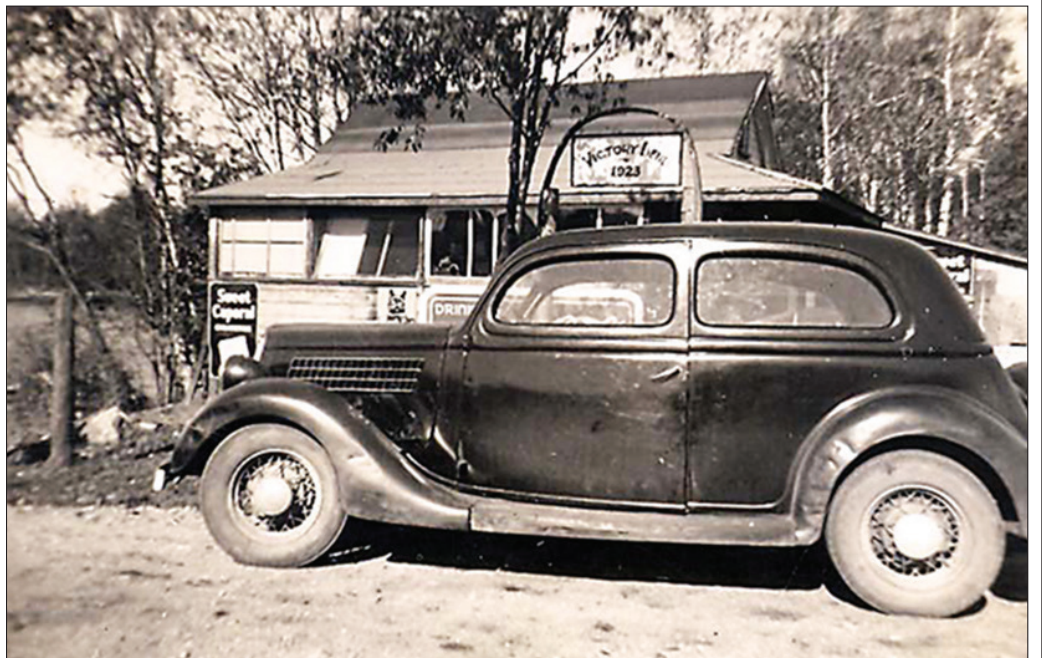
Apparently not. It seems that we have so many exceptions in this language. Why would we not call it the federal gubermment, for instance? I'd think my tax dollars were well spent if I had a person one day call me to say, “I'm from the gubermment and I'm here to help you.”

Most people though, would think they were dealing with a dimwit. The original meaning, I mean.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Jack Dart of Haliburton stands with his 1935 Ford coach that he bought close to 1946. He worked for his parents Reg and Margaret Dart who owned and operated Dart's Bakery in Haliburton. Jack Johnston of Haliburton worked at the bakery at that time. Jack took him for a ride in his “new” car one day, shortly after buying it. They stopped into the Victory Bend store at the Allsaw Narrows for a bottle of pop, and Jack snapped this picture. The store was owned and operated by Joe Blair. It was located at the Narrows between Lake Kashagawigamog and Soyer's Lake on the right side of the road, just before crossing the bridge (coming from Haliburton). Note the bent sapling from which the store's sign hangs on the gateway, and also the advertising signs for cigarettes Sweet Caporal, Black Cat, including the Coca-Cola sign. /Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum's Steve Hill

letters to the editor

Questioning validity of complaints

To the Editor,

In response to your recent article, *Health unit order to shut down outdoor hot tubs has resort owners boiling*, and as one of those owners, the Health Unit has indicated that ‘Since this decision, our health unit has received several complaints of other travel accommodations within our jurisdiction operating private backyard domestic spas on their premises. We are required to follow-up with such complaints and have done so,’ health protection division manager Richard Ovcharovich wrote.

I strongly doubt that there were any other com-

plaints, especially as both Sandy Lanes Resort and Buttermilk Falls Resort were visited on the same day (and Sandy Lanes didn't even have tubs in operation, and hadn't since the preceding April). The only complaints we have ever had at Buttermilk Falls are when the tubs are not working, or when guests cannot book a cottage with a tub because they are already booked. I would love to see proof of these complaints, but I suspect they will indicate that they are confidential.

Stephen Orr
Buttermilk Falls Resort



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Highlands entrepreneur is hooked on baits

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Special to the Echo

For local resident, preserving the Highlands' water and overall environment is a key factor when designing his product.

Colt Taylor has always spent a lot of time fishing on Haliburton County's lakes. It wasn't until last summer that he decided to start making recyclable soft plastic fishing lures.

"I didn't really start selling them until this winter in December. I make soft plastic fishing lures, mostly for bass fishing, but really for all kinds of species," Taylor said.

Taylor creates baits specific to the species such as bass, muskie, walleye, pike, trout, crappie. His bait is available in a variety of colours, shapes and sizes.

The reason behind Taylor's recyclable baits goes back to his experience in fishing. He said baits tear up, which makes them unusable for fishing. This results in anglers releasing them into the lake when they're not biodegradable.

"When I started out, I realized that it was recyclable. I thought that that was just a great thing because I've always, even as a kid, seen baits in the water. If you ever keep a fish to eat, and you open it, it's usually filled with plastic baits. The more we can do to keep this stuff out of our lakes and our water, the better."

Taylor has started collecting used baits from anglers in the area and from the bass club to maintain supply for his own product.

Taylor has worked at Outdoors Plus in Haliburton for many years. This is where he collects used baits. One can buy fishing



lures from Taylor through his business Facebook page, Haliburtonian Baits, but he also sells his product at Outdoors Plus.

The name, Haliburtonian Baits, was inspired by Taylor's late-grandfather, Doug McCabe.

"I had a really hard time trying to come up with a name then just one night it came to me. My grandpa, he moved to Haliburton about 20 years ago around the same time that me and my mom did. He's just always been a through and through local Haliburton guy. Everybody knew him and everybody liked him. He drove around with Haliburton stickers that he had custom made and people started to buy them off of him. He always liked that

Young 24-year-old entrepreneur, Colt Taylor, took his passion for fishing and created his very own business called Haliburtonian Baits. He makes and sells reusable, recyclable, and durable fishing lures. He specializes in lures for bass fish as they are his favourite to catch. /Submitted

idea of calling local Haliburton residents, Haliburtonians. So, the name came from his idea of what he called himself."

Taylor and his grandfather were close. Taylor found his passion for fishing through McCabe and they used to fish Haliburton's lakes together.

"He actually passed away while fishing so that shows you just how much he loved the sport. He got me into fishing as a kid and then my love for it continued while growing up," Taylor said.

Bass is Taylor's favourite fish to catch, which is ultimately what inspired the soft plastic aspect of his recyclable products.

"I'm a part of the local bass club, so I bass fish a lot and it has always been what I'm interested in. It's just my favorite fish to catch and so soft plastics are primarily used for bass, but you can use them for other species. When I started making them, I had that in mind."

Local anglers have been impressed with the durability of Taylor's lures in comparison to other brands.

"People really like the durability of them. They last a lot longer than some of the products on the market which get torn up after a few fish," Taylor said.

This year, Taylor received a loan from Haliburton County Development Corporation to fund new moulds.

"The biggest help for me was the loan. They gave me a small business loan to expand on my line of mold so that I could make more baits and more styles of baits. They were a huge resource to me," Taylor said.

With Haliburtonian Baits being such a success within the first year, Taylor has high hopes and big plans for the future.

"Next year, I hope to expand a little bit. Maybe into a few other local stores. I like my full-time job at Outdoors Plus so I want this to continue part time, almost like a paying hobby," Taylor said.

"I also want to work throughout the winter to create a stock of bait so that I'm not constantly going home on my days off, like I am this summer, trying to catch up on orders. Ultimately, I hope to make a bunch of advanced stocks. Maybe then I can expand, hopefully, a little bit more into the online marketplace."

At 24, Taylor understands that there are many other young aspiring entrepreneurs. He encourages others to work hard, and to stay true to themselves and their product.

"Just keep with it, and if you're selling a product, make sure that you're getting your money's worth for it. I had a lot of people that wanted free product or stuff at a discount, and you can't run a business that way, especially when you're starting up. It's all about support from people and spreading your product through word of mouth," Taylor said.

To purchase fishing lures from Taylor, visit Outdoors Plus in Haliburton, or visit his Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/haliburtonianbaits.

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Highlands boat tour makes Classic connections

Last Saturday, on Aug. 6 six classic boats assembled at the Head Lake docks for the 2nd Annual Classic Boat Rendezvous and Tour of the five lake chain in Haliburton County.

Organized by Jeff Papiez and Greg Freeman, the tour included a 1938 Chris Craft and a 1961 Greavette from Soyers Lake, two Shepherds and a 1938 J H Ross from Haliburton Lake, and a 1960 Peterborough from Gooderham Lake. A seventh boat, a 1938 Chris Craft from Lake Kashagawigamog, was all gassed up, but had engine difficulty on the way to Head Lake and was unable to make the trip. Two other boaters sent their regrets but added that they would like to be included next year, if there is a third installment.

A number of townsfolk heard the public service announcement on the radio and came down to the Head Lake docks to see the boats and speak with the boat owners. After a potluck lunch under the gazebo, the boaters took off on their "five hour tour." The itinerary was carefully planned to allow for breaks on land for humans and pets who were on the trip. We travelled the length of Lake Kashagawigamog down towards Kate's Burger Counter, where a couple of boats pulled in for a quick break and an order of ice cream. Jeff Moulton was playing a set of music from 2 to 3 p.m. for the Art on the Water event held that day. The other three boats floated off shore and listened to the music while some of the boaters took a quick swim.

We then travelled west through Canning Lake, down to the end at Little Canning where the group anchored and went for another welcome swim. On the way back, we went into Soyers Lake where the group was able to dock at one of the cottages for refreshments and to let the dogs have a run. The group then travelled back to Head Lake to prepare to be trailered back to their home lakes. It was a beautiful, sunny day. Throughout the tour of the lakes, there were many people on the water and the shore, showing their appreciation of the classic boats along the route. All in all, it was a fabulous day and eve-



The Classic Boat Rendezvous and tour included a stop in Ingoldsby where participants went to Kate's Burger Counter and listened to musician Jeff Moulton. /Submitted

ryone enjoyed their outing on the water.

If there are any classic boat owners in Haliburton County who would be interested in getting on a mailing list and being notified of any future Classic Boat events, please feel free to contact Jeff or Greg at (705) 457- 4929.

Submitted by Greg Freeman



The Classic Boat Rendezvous and Tour included head turners such as this classic boat docked in Haliburton. /Submitted



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Staff Reporter

Many Pride events were formed in an act of replacing hate and violence with love and celebration.

Minden Pride followed suit.

It is a welcome place for all to feel safe and celebrated in the community, but was formed by local community members following the tragic shooting at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida in 2016 where 49 people were killed and many more injured.

At the same time, a local storefront in Haliburton Village faced homophobic vandalism.

These two events proved that, even with a lengthy Pride history in the country, visibility, solidarity, and acceptance is always needed.

"I think visibility is incredibly important to any community. Growing up, it was in the 90s when I was coming to terms with my sexuality, and I grew up in a small town in northern British Columbia and didn't really have or see anyone else who was like me. I felt very, very alone and just scared," said Minden Pride committee member Reed Sacharoff. "I think it's just great for small towns in general to be getting a little bit of exposure to different people, different cultures, different backgrounds, and showcasing that and letting people know that it's okay to be different."

Minden Pride has grown since it was formed seven years ago, but their mission remains the same.

"Our mandate is to provide an opportunity for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies to celebrate our culture, heritage, and diversity by nurturing a safe community for LGBTQ2+ people of all ages," states the Minden Pride website.

This year, Minden Pride is featuring 12 events in Haliburton County from Monday, Aug. 22 to Sunday, Aug. 28.

"I do believe that with every year, Pride continues to get bigger and better. It has truly become a community event that we are seeing so many businesses want to get involved with, and interest seems to continue to grow. The amount of support and interest from community partners and local businesses is outstanding," said Minden Pride committee member Emily Stonehouse.

Tea dances

This year, one of the events included in the lineup is the Toolbelts and Tiaras Tea Dance this Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The event is an ode to the tea dances of the 1950s and 1960s that became popular among the LGBTQ2+ community when there were laws in North America and England against same-sex dance partners.

In New York, police would raid any establishment serving alcohol to or allowing those in the LGBTQ2+ community to dance.

To avoid attracting the attention of authorities, organizers instead chose to serve tea and hold the dances between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

Note: Per National Geographic, prior to the 1990s lesbian, gay and bisexual activists adopted the LGB acronym, which has since expanded to LGBTQ2+ to be more inclusive.

Over the rainbow

This year's Minden Pride festivities were initiated on Monday, Aug. 22 with a rainbow flag raising at the Minden Hills Municipal Office.

"It's wild seeing the number of rainbow flags and everything you see in town right now. I think it's important for people to know there are other people like them around. The visibility is incredibly important, even when people are still unsure of who they are," Sacharoff said.

The rainbow flag, also known as the pride flag, was designed by artist Gilbert Baker in 1978.

Baker was an openly-gay drag queen and was asked by Harvey Milk, the first openly-gay man to be elected for office in California, if he would design a symbol for the LGBTQ2+ community.

The colours in the flag were meant to represent a community of people from different races, ages, and genders.

A new symbol was needed to promote inclusivity and celebration, as the only symbol for the community up until the 1970s was the "pink triangle." The triangle was used by Nazis during the Holocaust to shame and identify those in the LGBTQ2+ community.

The rainbow flag was also said to have been inspired



Rob Muir and Jerelyn Craden perform *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* during the 2019 flag-raising ceremony that kicked off Minden Pride. /FILE

by Judy Garland's singing of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" in the Wizard of Oz.

The rainbow flag has proved to withstand the test of time, and continues to be the universal symbol of Pride.

The first one was raised on Parliament Hill in Ottawa in 2016.

Historical pride events in Canada

Up until 1973, homosexuality was stated as a "disorder" in the Diagnostics and Statistics Manual of Mental Disorders.

In 1974, the "Brunswick Four" were arrested from the Brunswick Tavern in Toronto, and the lesbians faced violence from officers.

This was one of the first times in Canada that people in the LGBTQ2+ community received coverage by the press.

In 1979, Vancouver and Montreal hosted the first official Pride festivals in Canada, followed by Edmonton in 1980.

Police arrested 300 men from four gay bathhouses in Toronto on the same day in 1981, making it one of the largest mass arrests in the country. The protests held in retaliation to these senseless arrests formed into the first Toronto Pride celebration.

In 1990, only 33 years ago, the World Health Organization finally removed homosexuality from being declared a "mental disorder."

Sexual orientation was added to the Canadian Human Rights Act in 1996.

In 2000, Bill C-23 was introduced and later passed to allow same-sex couples the same common-law benefits as opposite-sex couples.

In 2005, Canada became the fourth country in the world to allow same-sex marriage.

Inclusivity in Minden

Minden Pride is a not-for-profit organization in Haliburton County that aims to promote inclusivity by carrying on the legacy of other Canadian Pride organizers that came before.

Sacharoff is the owner of the Wolf Moon Shop on Newcastle Street in Minden, and recently moved to the area at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The business owner joined Minden Pride to not only be able to use a background in digital marketing to benefit the organization, but also to be part of an accepting community of people.

"I grew up in a small town, and I wanted somewhere that was definitely similar, but not too far from the city, but still had a pretty great arts community. I do feel like



Minden resident and owner of the Wolf Moon Shop Reed Sacharoff designed the promotional material for this year's Minden Pride celebrations. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

I ended up in a great location. I feel like I'm finding my community here," Sacharoff said. "All the products [for the Wolf Moon Shop] are coming from brands that are led by either BIPOC, LGBTQ2+, or female and small businesses, and being queer myself, it just seemed like a really natural fit to be working with them."

The first thing Sacharoff did as a committee member was create the "let's get" campaign for Minden Pride which included teaser postcards and a video.

Stonehouse joined the committee to be able to share her social media expertise and to work with other creative people.

"I will be involved with as many events as I can this year, and encourage everyone to come out and enjoy as many as they can. From a comedy night to a float down the Gull, there is truly something for everyone, and it's a fantastic environment for people to feel welcome and truly just be themselves in every way."

More information about this week's Minden Pride events can be found at mindenpride.ca.



Kennisis hosts Cornhole competition

The Kennisis Lake Cornhole event co-organizer Gary Bouwmeister, from left, presents the event trophy to Mal Ihnat while her team partner Lucas Cresswell accepts his trophy from co-organizer Jon Sims on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Kennisis Lake Marina. There was 32 teams participating and a great time was had by all. It was a wonderful way to meet new people while having fun at the lake. Thanks to Sims for organizing this event. /Submitted by Gary Bouwmeister

Swinging for September

This year's winners of the Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League are Janet Bottum in Flight C, Flight B Lynn Bartlett in Flight B, and Dale Rider in Flight A. The 18 hole "Drivers" category has 52 members that golf weekly from May through September, alternating between the Blairhampton Golf Club and the Pinestone Resort. We recently had our two-day tournament with one day at each course to determine our annual champions and the winners from our Flights are determined by handicap. Anyone interested in joining can visit our website at www.hhwgl.ca.



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Golfers drive in \$70,000 for VDO

Sue Desroches follows her ball after driving the ball at the first hole at the Blairhampton Golf Club during the 12th annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 18. The fundraiser drew 140 participants who helped to raise \$70,000 for the VDO's dental assistance programs for those in need of dental care. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



A golfer makes grass fly on the fairway on the 18th hole at Blairhampton Golf Club during the 12th annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 18. The fundraiser included 140 participants. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Time: 5 pm Location: Boshkung Social

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24TH
DRAG STORYTIME - HALIBURTON
Time: 3 pm Location: Haliburton Library

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24TH
QUEER COMEDY NIGHT

Doors Open: 7:30 pm

Location: Haliburton Legion, Club Room

THURSDAY AUGUST 25TH
DRAG STORYTIME - MINDEN
Time: 3 pm Location: Minden Library

THURSDAY AUGUST 25TH
DRAG COCKTAILS

Time: 5 pm

Location: EAT Cheeserie + Cocktails

THURSDAY AUGUST 25TH
TRIVIA NIGHT

Time: 7 pm Location: The Dominion Hotel

FRIDAY AUGUST 26TH
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Time: 7:30 pm Location: Pinestone Resort

SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH
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Time: 3-6 pm Location: Grill on the Gull Patio

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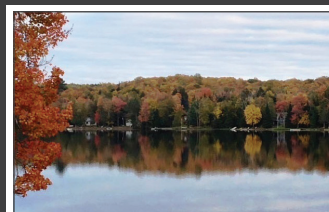
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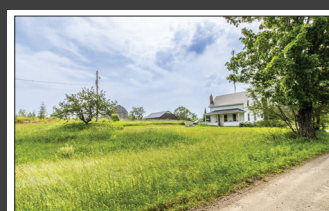
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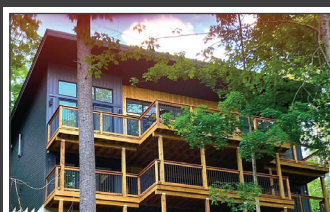
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447-2055

Lorraine Lake \$799,900

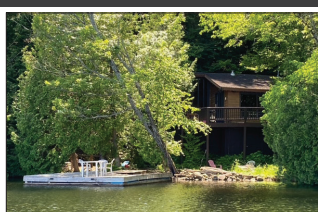
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Outpost hosts centennial celebration

Wilberforce resident Vanessa Kennedy explains photos on the wall to visitors of the Red Cross Museum Outpost in Wilberforce. The Outpost celebrated its 100th anniversary on Monday, Aug. 15 with a barbecue dinner, cake, and tours of the museum. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



The Red Cross Outpost Museum 100th anniversary celebration attracted both visitors and locals for a free barbecue dinner on Monday, Aug. 15.



Bottles of historic medicine can be seen on display, including sodium bicarbonate used to treat an upset stomach.



An array of medical equipment is on display at the Red Cross Museum Outpost in Wilberforce.

Red Cross cotton bandages would've been used to cover the wounds of those who visited the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce when it was operational.



Gratitude for life saving act

James Cook is a burn survivor who has spent years in recovery and is now sharing his incredible story and is saying thanks to the ones that came to his aid. Cook shared his appreciation in person with everyone who helped him on that fateful day, the paramedics Jeff Schultz and Jim Miska and the ambulance call officers (ACO) from the Lindsay Central Ambulance Communication Centre, who all responded to the call at the Haliburton County Paramedic Service (HCPS) base in Haliburton recently.

Cook was at work one winter morning and the propane heater that was in the building, exploded. His first thought, and looking back, the one thought that probably saved his life, was to hold his breath. "I just knew when I saw the blue flame, I had to take a deep breath and hold it as long as I could," he said.

Cook ran out of the building and threw himself into the snow, face down. As he lay in the snow, in excruciating pain he felt his keys and phone underneath him and asked Siri to call 9-1-1. His phone contacted 911 where he spoke with Paula Mogg, Christopher Roscoe, Laurie McIntosh and Christina Stoppa, the ACO's that remained on the phone with Cook until the paramedics arrived. Cook was very appreciative to them for talking with him and keeping him calm.

When the paramedics arrived responding from the Tory Hill base, Cook came out of his truck where he had been sitting after he came up from the snow. Cook stated that he never lost consciousness and he remembers everything from that day. The paramedics brought him into the



ambulance and started to treat his injuries and pain. Enroute to Haliburton hospital they provided the details of Cook's injuries to the hospital staff and prepared for his arrival. Ornge Air Ambulance was contacted and Cook was flown to Toronto after he was stabilized in the emergency department.

Cook was flown to Sunnybrook Hospital where he could begin his recovery.

After significant burns to his body, a multi-year recovery, COVID pandemic, he is still grateful for the first responders and healthcare staff who cared for him on that day.

HCPS thanks Mr. Cook and his beautiful family for spending a few hours and answering the hundreds of questions we had. Paramedics respond to many calls throughout their careers and quite often

some follow them into retirement wondering what happened after they left our care. We understand why the information isn't available but appreciate former patients that take the time out of their busy lives to come and say thanks and share their story ... it is truly priceless and how we continue to do the work that we do.

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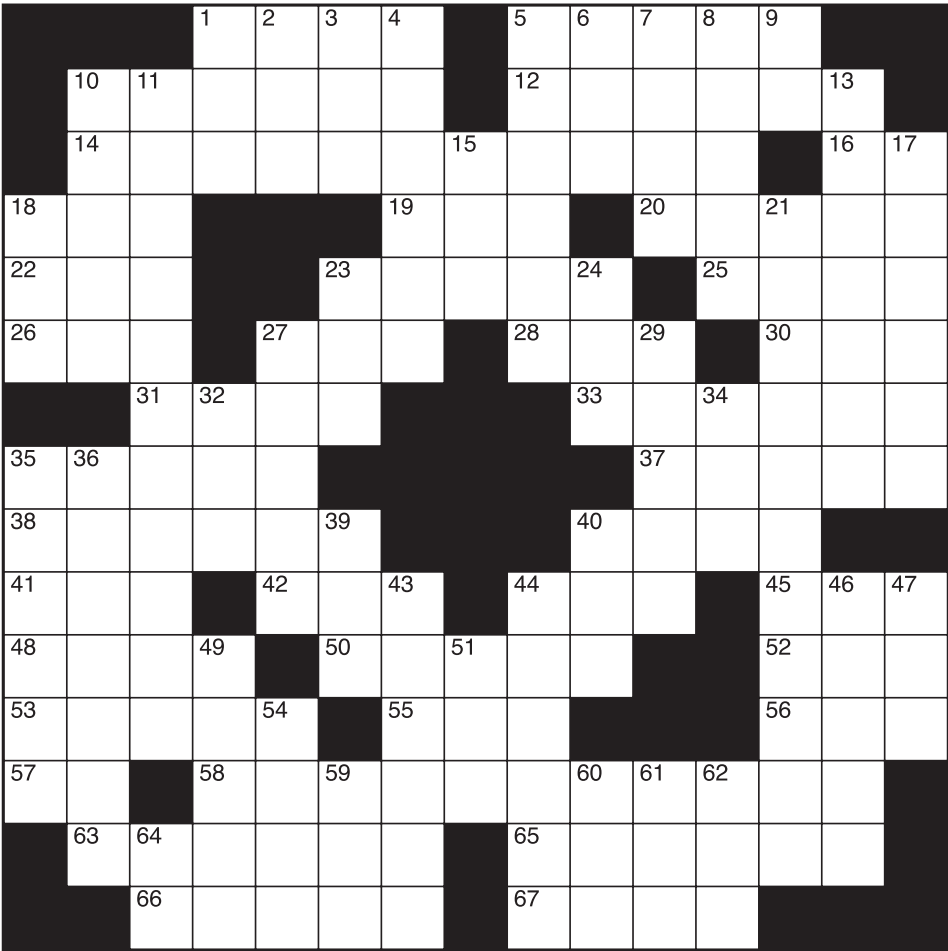
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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Crops sown in winter in India
 - 5. Nursemaids in East Asia
 - 10. Investigates
 - 12. Treated like a child
 - 14. About religious belief
 - 16. Widely used exclamation
 - 18. Car mechanics group
 - 19. Not good
 - 20. Indigenous people of Alberta
 - 22. Everyone has one
 - 23. Fencing sword
 - 25. Soaks
 - 26. The human foot
 - 27. Of she
 - 28. Erythrocyte (abbr.)
 - 30. Soldiers
 - 31. Energy, style and enthusiasm
 - 33. Playwright O'Neill
 - 35. Stone parsley
 - 37. Small stones
 - 38. Gas descriptor
 - 40. Monetary unit of Samoa
 - 41. Jeans manufacturer
 - 42. NHL great Bobby
 - 44. Cool!
 - 45. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 - 48. Winged
 - 50. Partner to "oohed"
 - 52. Defensive nuclear weapon
 - 53. Coated
 - 55. Furry household friend
 - 56. Chinese principle underlying the universe
 - 57. Prefix meaning "within"
 - 58. Makes easier
 - 63. Transferred property
 - 65. Branched
 - 66. Hillsides
 - 67. Abba __, Israeli diplomat
- 3. Unit to compare power levels
 - 4. Line on a map connecting similar points
 - 5. One who accepts
 - 6. Partner to cheese
 - 7. Ancient Greek sophist
 - 8. About hilus
 - 9. Southeast
 - 10. Where actors ply their trade
 - 11. Beloved Philly sandwich
 - 13. Intend
 - 15. Talk excessively
 - 17. Bronx cheers
 - 18. Drain
 - 21. Renews
 - 23. Monetary unit in Asia
 - 24. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
 - 27. Carthaginian statesman
 - 29. Aged
 - 32. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
 - 34. Firearm
 - 35. Consolation
 - 36. An island in the north Atlantic
 - 39. Pitching statistic
 - 40. Disconsolate
 - 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
 - 44. Call it a career
 - 46. Behave in a way that degrades some-one
 - 47. Health insurance
 - 49. Recommend
 - 51. Baltic peninsula
 - 54. Father
 - 59. After B
 - 60. Bar bill
 - 61. Doctors' group
 - 62. 2,000 lbs.
 - 64. Equal to one quintillion bytes

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Eggs in a female fish
 - 2. Military mailbox

Answers on page 14

Huskies hold court

Patrick Saini of the Haliburton County Huskies keeps his focus on the puck while being covered during the team's Blue versus Grey intersquad game at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Sunday, Aug. 21 in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



Players with the Haliburton County Huskies collide during the team's Blue versus Grey intersquad game on Sunday, Aug. 21 in Haliburton. The game included local and affiliate player Colin Glecoff.



The A.J. LaRue Arena hosted the Haliburton County Huskies, who held its Blue versus Grey intersquad game.



Haliburton showcased

Andrea Hammond, local competitor, looks across the lake just before heading out for her second run in her first race in the B-stock Hydroclass at the 6th anual RPM Outboard Power Boat Races on Saturday, Aug. 20 on Head Lake in Haliburton. The event, which organizers said was well-received by those who attended, including sponsors, helped to raise \$2,554 (from banquet dinner, 50/50 draw, T-shirt sales and sales from dolls made by an ex-racer, including an additional \$1,000 from TORC (Toronto Outboard Racing Club) for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. /DARREN LUM Staff



The checkered flag is held up, alerting racers their race is over.



Hammond races in the B-stock hydroclass at the 6th anual RPM Outboard Power Boat Races on Saturday, Aug. 20. Local businesses stepped up for this event, with RPM as the main sponsor and Youngdale Fuels as sponsor of four local competitors Wesley and Andrea Hammond, and Brandon Sutton and Tammy Everitt.

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Family fun in West Guilford

community news
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Eleanor Cooper
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At the West Guilford Community Centre, my old stomping grounds, that is the former Grades 1, 2, 3 room, has been transformed into the DropZone! where there a variety of things to do from children skill -testing to adult skill-testing games. At the DropZone!, it included a children's play floor area with a puppet show stand, miniature railroad with cars. In what we called the middle room, chairs with cushions and a projection screen are set up. Table tennis, a crokinole board, and two pinball machines. For the adults, there is a golf skill activity and a curling lane.

The admission is \$5 Friday evenings. Also, the night includes an opportunity to watch a Disney movie with refreshments and popcorn, popped fresh. The whole

area is set up so that parents and children can spend time together in very attractive surroundings with entertaining games suitable for all ages. DropZone! is the brainchild of Sue Bridge, Lynne Stamp and Cheryl Cooper, who started Families in Motion. They are assisted at DropZone! By volunteers who help to set up and take down the equipment as required.

You have only to listen to Sue relate how this was all brought about, which includes the phone calls to the Disney corporation itself in California and arranging for reasonable rent of the place via Andrea Mueller to catch the enthusiasm for the venture, which has only had a month's time to grow to realize the extent of the possibilities. A library area is also available in what was the cloak room.

To end on a serious note, George Claridge is in hospital due to a broken hip. As if that weren't enough to deal with, his and Sylvia's foster child Anthony died suddenly in Ottawa. Our prayers and thoughts go out to this dear couple and other family members.



"Solar panels installed on rooftops or on stands can decrease your reliance on unstable, fossil fuel-based energy markets." Photo submitted by Andrew Von Zuben, member Highlands East Environment Committee

HE Environment Committee Climate tip: renewable energy

That the burning of fossil fuels is responsible for the climate disaster that is unfolding all over the world is indisputable. We have become so dependent on oil and gas that it's hard to imagine a world powered any other way. However, renewable energy solutions are now more affordable and efficient than ever before and are a significant part of the solution to global overheating. Solar panels installed on rooftops or on stands can decrease your reliance on unstable, fossil fuel-based energy markets.

Heat pumps, either geothermal or air-source, are an extremely efficient way to heat and cool your home. They can supply heat even in very cold temperatures. A grant available through the federal government could save you money in retrofitting your home or replacing your heating system with a climate friendly one. Please, see the Canada Greener Homes Grant website for more information.

There have also been advances in technology and affordability in electric vehicles. Supply chain problems due to the pandemic have delayed delivery of vehicles and repairs of charging stations but hopefully these problems will soon be rectified.

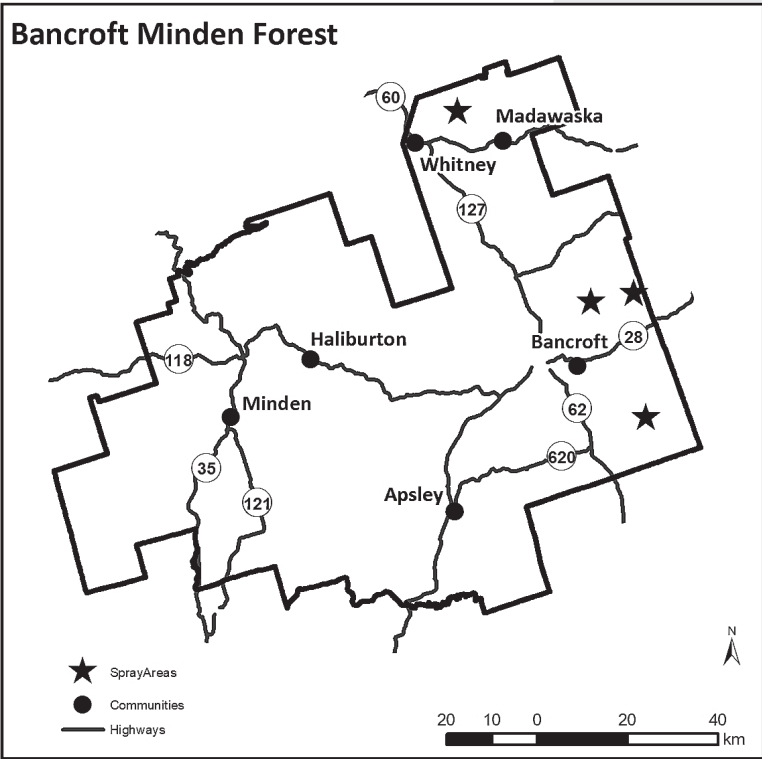
Heating of our homes and transportation are two of the biggest ways that we can cut personal greenhouse gas emissions and now is the time to embrace these changes.

Submitted by Susan Hay

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project for Bancroft-Minden Forest

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)** invites you to inspect the MNR-approved aerial herbicide project. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **Bancroft-Minden Forest** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: **September 1, 2022.**



The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available electronically for public inspection by contacting the Bancroft-Minden Forest Company (BMFC) during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **June 1, 2022 until March 31, 2023** when the Annual Work Schedule expires. The treatment locations are in the eastern portion of the unit in the townships of Monteaule, Carlow, Cashel and Whitney. Landowners and First Nation Communities within 1 kilometre of the treatment area will be contacted in a separate letter.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange a remote meeting with MNR staff to discuss the aerial herbicide project. For more information, please contact:

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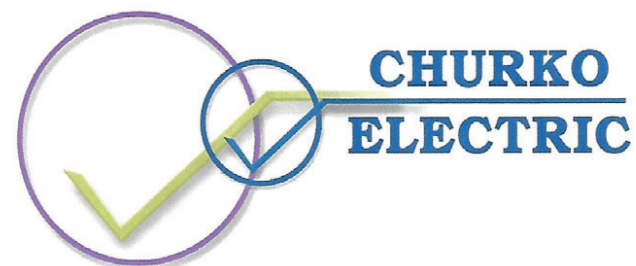
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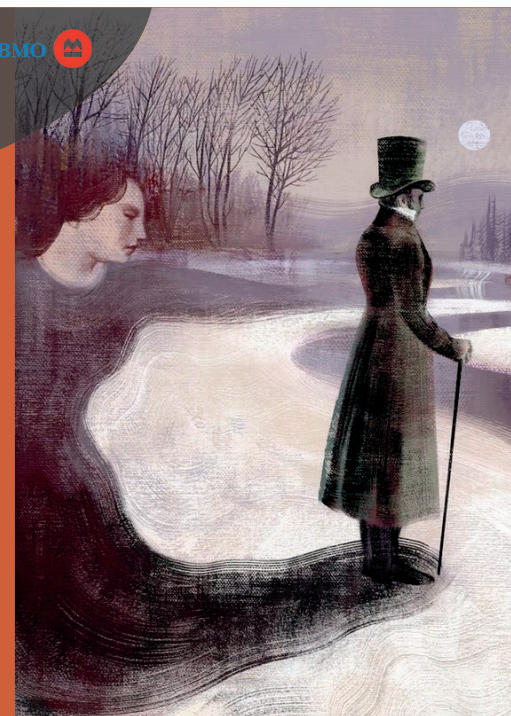
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Visitation & Graveside Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Friday afternoon, September 2, 2022 from 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery at 2 o'clock, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory
Robert "Bob" Davidson
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Burial of his ashes will take place on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 12:00 pm at the Minden Cemetery, 200 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br#129 in Haliburton from 2pm - 4pm.



In Loving Memory of
Colleen Riley (nee Robinson)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Colleen Riley (nee Robinson) on July 27th, 2022 at Haliburton Extendicare.

Colleen passed peacefully at the age of 95. She is missed dearly and remembered with much love.

Colleen is predeceased by her husband, William (Bill) Riley and survived by three children (Mark, Cory and Kerry), eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

At the age of 17, Colleen moved from Toronto to Wilberforce to launch her teaching career at Wilberforce Elementary School (a one-room schoolhouse at the time). As the story goes, a local boy, Bill Riley, learning that the new teacher was taking the very long train ride to Toronto to visit family, chased down her train and offered a car ride. Apparently, he was extremely charming because she accepted, and the rest is history. The two were married in 1947, and moved to West Rouge (just east of Toronto) to start a family, before permanently relocating to Wilberforce in 1972 with their three children.

Colleen was respected as a talented teacher, and fondly remembered for her knitting, sewing and crocheting skills, gardening savvy and delicious baked goods. Also a great animal lover, she was particularly fond of Toby, the faithful family corgi.

In keeping with Colleen's wishes, her ashes will be buried next to her husband's in a private ceremony at South Wilberforce Cemetery.

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